GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Plantation of Trees
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for plantation of trees for the year 2016-17;
(b) if so, whether the Government is formulating any concrete plan to create awareness among people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and efforts made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) Yes, Sir. Afforestation/Tree plantation target in the country under Item No.51 (a) (Area Covered under Public and Forest Lands) and 51 (b) (No. of Seedlings Planted) of Twenty Point Programme(TPP) is fixed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) annually to States/UTs. For the year 2016-17, the afforestation target of about 10.90 lakh ha. and 71 crore seedlings has been fixed under TPP. The State/UT wise target is given in Annexure.

(b) & (c) Afforestation/Tree plantation activities in the country under various Central and State schemes are taken up by involving local people/community with participatory approach. However, to spread public awareness regarding plantation of trees in the country, Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities through modes of mass communication i.e print media, radio and T.V are taken up in National Afforestation and Eco-development Board Scheme (NAEB). For meeting area and region specific communication needs, assistance is also provided to Forest Development Agencies, Regional Centres of NAEB and other organization at the Central and State level for undertaking IEC activities in decentralized manner.

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